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INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: MAY 4 PAKISTAN NEWSPAPERS WE
RECEIVED APPEAR TO HAVE DIMINISHED SCOPE AND INTENSITY OF
ANTI-AMERICAN REPORTAGE, BUT THIS WAS COUNTERBALANCED BY
THE SPECIFIC EFFORT MOUNTED BY THE GOP TO STAGE A WELL-
PUBLICIZED ANTI-US MEDIA EVENT. PAKISTAN TELEVISION AND
IMPORTANT URDU DAILIES GAVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO THIS
MAIN ANTI-U.S. EVENT OF MAY 3, DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF
USIS AMERICAN CENTER IN RAWALPINDI. GENERALLY, HOWEVER,
VEHEMENCE OF FEELING EXPRESSED AGAINST U.S. THROUGHOUT PAK
PRESS WAS LESS THAN YESTERDAY. PRESS TRUST-OWNED PAKISTAN
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TIMES DEVOTED SUBSTANTIAL SPACE (BUT LESS THAN MAY 3 EDITION)
TO ARTICLES AGAINST UNITED STATES, BUT EVENTS DEPICTED AND
PERSONALITIES INVOLVED LESS SIGNIFICANT. MOREOVER, PAKISTAN
TIMES MAY 4, UNLIKE PREVIOUS DAY, ALSO CARRIED ARTICLES
SHOWING UNITED STATES IN FAVORABLE. WE DON'T
BELIEVE THESE DAY TO DAY FLUCTUATIONS EVIDENCE ANY TREND IN
WHAT WE ARE CONVINCED WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUSTAINED

ANTI-US CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION.

1. MAY 4 PAKISTAN NEWSPAPERS WE RECEIVE APPEAR TO HAVE DIMINISHED SCOPE AND INTENSITY OF ANTI-AMERICAN REPORTAGE. IMPORTANT URDU DAILIES WE RECEIVE COVERED THE MAIN ANTI-U.S. EVENT OF MAY 3, THE DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE USIS AMERICAN CENTER IN RAWALPINDI, BUT THIS WAS THE ONLY ANTI-U.S. EVENT THEY RECORDED. THESE PAPERS DID NOT CARRY THE ENTIRE PACKAGE OF GOP-OWNED WIRE SERVICE STORIES OF ANTI-U.S. COLOR. ABSENCE OF THESE STORIES REDUCED VEHEMENCE OF ANTI-U.S. COVERAGE. DAILY JANG ALSO CARRIES ARTICLE NOTING AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT OF NEW USG NUCLEAR POLICY.

2. PAKISTAN TELEVISION BROADCAST THE DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF USIS CENTER RAWALPINDI TWICE -- IN BOTH ENGLISH AND URDU NEWSCASTS.

3. PRESS TRUST-OWNED PAKISTAN TIMES DEVOTED SUBSTANTIAL SPACE (BUT LESS THAN MAY 3 EDITION) TO ARTICLES AGAINST UNITED STATES, BUT EVEN HERE THE EVENTS DEPICTED AND PERSONALITIES INVOLVED WERE RELATIVELY MINOR. PAPER'S ONLY FRONT PAGE PICTURE WAS OF USIS PINDI DEMONSTRATION, ACCOMPANIED BY SHORT ARTICLE. SIGNIFICANTLY, THE ONLY OTHER ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLE ON THE FRONT PAGE (A LARGE ITEM) "DOLLAR INTERVENTION CONDEMNED, MASSES PLEDGE TO FOIL CONSPIRACY", DEPICTED SLOGANS, PROCESSIONS AND SPEECHES IN AZAD KASHMIR AND VARIOUS OUTLYING TRIBAL AREAS SUPPORTING PM AND OPPOSING ALLEGED INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY AGAINST PAKISTAN. PERSONS QUOTED WERE ONLY MINOR LOCAL OFFICIALS
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AND MINOR PUNJABI LUMINARIES. "VENDETTA AGAINST PAKISTAN" ON EDITORIAL PAGE RECOUNTED PAKISTAN'S SUPPORT FOR ARABS AND PLO AS MAIN REASON FOR "THIS CONSUMING AMERICAN HUNGER FOR PAKISTAN'S POUND OF FLESH." HOWEVER, SAME PAGE CARRIED ARTICLE ENTITLED "U.S. DETERMINED TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS" THAT FAVORABLY COVERED U.S. PRESIDENT'S APPEARANCE ON FRENCH TELEVISION.

4. ALTHOUGH DAY TO DAY FLUCTUATIONS IN MEDIA COVERAGE ARE LIKELY, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT BHUTTO'S ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE HEAVY PLAY IN THE PRESS, AND ON RADIO AND TV, FOR A SUSTAINED PERIOD.
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